Setting up of Private Oil Refineries

1196. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a number of applications for setting up private oil refineries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the private parties;

(c) how many parties have been permitted to set up oil refineries in the country; and

(d) what are the terms and conditions for the private parties to set up oil refinery ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Four parties in the private sector have been granted LOIs for setting up oil refineries in the country as follows :—

1. M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. —C. Itoh, Japan (now named M/s C. Itochu of Japan) —9 MMTPA
2. M/s Ashok Leyland —Gotco, USA —6 MMTPA
3. M/s. International Petroleum —SA (BV) —5 MMTPA
4. M/s Essar Investments Limited —9 MMTPA

(d) To meet the increasing demand of refining capacity in the country, the setting up of the private oil refineries has been considered desirable and necessary.

L.P.G. Agencies

1197. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of L.P.G. agencies operating in all the States,

(b) the number of L.P.G. agencies operating in Punjab;

(c) the number of new L.P.G. agencies proposed to be given in 1993-94;

(d) the number of L.P.G. agencies likely to be given in Punjab during 1993-94; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to change the present criteria for selection of distributors of L.P.G. agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) As on 1-1-1993, there were 4093 LPG distributorships operating all over the country, out of which 169 LPG distributorships were functioning in Punjab.

(c) and (d) Government has recently approved LPG Marketing Plan for 1992-94 containing proposals to set 575 LPG distributorships all over the country. 31 LPG distributorships have been proposed for Punjab.

(e) No, Sir.

Petrol Pumps and LP G Agencies in U.P.

1198. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies opened last year and those to be opened in Uttar Pradesh during the current year;

(b) whether there is any reservation for the weaker sections and freedom fighters in the sanctioning of these agencies; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) 29 Retail Outlet dealerships and 11 LPG distributorships were started in Uttar Pradesh during April 1, 1992 to 31st March, 1993.

In the Retail Outlet Marketing Plan 1988-93 and LPG Marketing Plan 1992-94, 362 Retail Outlet dealerships and 68 LPG distributorships have been included for Uttar Pradesh. It takes about 1 to 1½ years for commissioning of dealerships/distributorships after the process of selection through Oil Selection Board begins with advertisements.

(b) and (c) 25% of all dealerships/distributorships in the Marketing Plan are reserved for SCs/STs and 5% for Freedom Fighters.

स्लैक वैक्स एवं पैराफिन वैक्स के बीच मूल्य निर्धारण अनुपात

1199. **श्री कामेश्वर पासवान** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि स्लैक वैक्स और पैराफिन वैक्स के मध्य मूल्य निर्धारण का अनुपात आज तक 1 : 2 रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा स्लैक वैक्स के मूल्य निर्धारण में इस अनुपात की उपेक्षा किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा ऐसे मूल्य निर्धारण के कारण लघु उद्योगों की 263 मोम उत्पादक इकाईयों के बन्द होने का खतरा पैदा हो गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार लघु उद्योगों को इन मोम उत्पादक इकाईयों को बन्द होने से बचाने के लिए मूल्य निर्धारण के 1 : 2 के अनुपात को लागू करने का विचार रखती है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क), (ख) और (घ) स्लैक वैक्स मुक्त व्यापार का एक उत्पाद है और आपूर्ति और मांग की स्थिति तथा सरकार द्वारा लगाए गए अधिभारों को ध्यान में रख कर इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा इसकी कीमतों का निर्धारण किया जाता है।

(ग) जी नहीं, ऐसी रिपोर्ट नहीं है।

Surinasar-Barigarh drilling Projects

1200. SHRI GAYA SINGH :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has left the Surinasar-Barigarh drilling projects in the half-way without completing even a single well;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for abandoning the projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) The two wells Surinasar-I and Surinasar-II drilled in the area could not be completed to targetted depths due to drilling complications and high pressure/temperature. In view of the unexpected technological problems encountered while drilling a detailed review of both geological